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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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 EIGO KAWAKAMI ET AL. )  
 : Group Art Unit: 2876  
 Application No.: 09/577,608 )  
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 Filed: May 25, 2000 )  
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 For: POSITIONING APPARATUS, )  
 : ATMOSPHERE SUBSTITUTING )  
 : METHOD, EXPOSURE )  
 : APPARATUS, AND DEVICE )  
 : MANUFACTURING METHOD ) October 3, 2000

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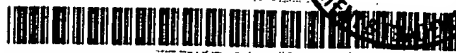
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## Title

Positioning apparatus, atmosphere substituting method, exposure apparatus, and device  
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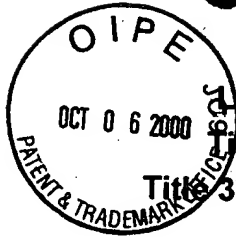
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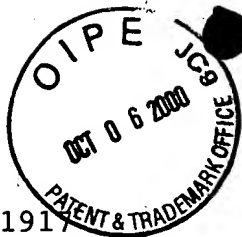
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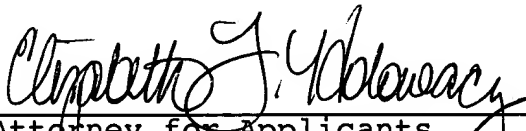


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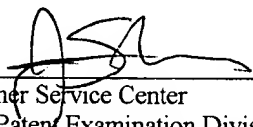
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